

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King today announced that he has nominated Charles and Julie Lamb of Council Bluffs to receive the "Angels in Adoption" award presented by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. The CCIA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the millions of children around the world in need of permanent, safe, and loving homes. Since 2006, the Lambs have opened their home to serve as foster parents for 36 children, 80 percent of whom have been successfully reunited with their families. In addition, the Lambs have adopted 3 children, including 2 with special needs, and are planning on adopting 3 more children before the end of the year.

**"Charles and Julie Lamb's dedication to making the lives of western Iowa's children better is exemplified by the manner in which they have repeatedly opened both their home and their hearts," said King. "Like guardian angels, the Lambs have taken dozens of children under their wing and their efforts have resulted in the successful reunification of numerous families. Their community has been strengthened through the good works of the Lambs, and I am very pleased to be able to nominate them for the title of 'Angels in Adoption.'"**

The CCIA's "Angels in Adoption" program allows Members of Congress to honor individuals or entities that have made extraordinary contributions on behalf of children in need of homes. The Lambs will be in Washington D.C. during the first week of October to be formally recognized as "Angels in Adoption" by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

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